IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 4.

Please amend claims 5 and 9 as follows:

- 1. (CANCELED)
- 2. (CANCELED)
- 3. (CANCELED)
- 4. (CANCELED)
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearview mirror assembly in <u>for</u> an automotive vehicle comprising:

a rearview mirror adapted to be disposed in an interior of the automotive vehicle;

a layer of liquid crystal having a first perimeter and defined to be within the physical boundaries of said rearview mirror;

a plurality of first electrodes attached to a surface of said rearview mirror; and said first electrodes closely coupled defining a contact area, said contact area being a region, when touched by an occupant changes electrical characteristics between said first electrodes.

- 6. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 5 including a first polarizing layer, having a second perimeter, disposed to overlap said layer of liquid crystal so that any polarized light passing through said layer of liquid crystal is due to said first polarizing layer.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 6 including a second polarizing layer, having a third perimeter, disposed to overlap said layer of liquid crystal and spaced from said first polarizing layer, said liquid crystal being sandwiched between the first and second polarizing layers.
- 8. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 5 including a transparent second electrode disposed directly adjacent to said layer of liquid crystal.
- 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearview mirror assembly comprising:

 a rearview mirror being adapted to be disposed in an interior of the automotive vehicle and having at least one glass surface;

a layer of liquid crystal having a first perimeter and associated with said at least one glass surface to display information from said at least one glass surface within a field of vision of an operator of a vehicle;

a transparent first electrode disposed so that it is directly adjacent the layer of said liquid crystal;

a plurality of second electrodes attached to a surface of said at least one glass surface; and

said second electrodes closely coupled defining a contact area, said contact area being a region, when touched by an occupant changes electrical characteristics between said second electrodes.